


Councilmember Sandra C. Allen

A RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to approve the "Mandatory Autopsy for Deceased Wards of the District of Columbia and Mandatory Unusual Incident Report Emergency Act of 2001".

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Mandatory Autopsy to Deceased Wards of the District of Columbia and Mandatory Unusual Incident Report Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2002".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that:

(1) In 86 cases of death from 1993 to September 1999, one third of the causes of death may have been due to delayed treatment, neglect or falsifications in reports.

(2) There have been cases where residents of group homes who may have died due to negligence or tortious conduct have been released from the morgue w/o an autopsy.

(3) The temporary bill 14-371 is pending before Congress with projected law date of February 7, 2002. The emergency bill 14-366 expires on January 21, 2002.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the "Mandatory Autopsy for Deceased Wards of the District of Columbia and Mandatory Unusual Incident Report Emergency Act of 2002" be adopted on an emergency basis.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
